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TAGS: [PARM](#) [MTCRE](#) [PREL](#) [SW](#) [SY](#)
SUBJECT: SYRIAN MISSILE ENTITY SEEKING MACHINE TOOL PARTS
AND RELATED TRAINING FROM SWEDISH FIRM (S)

Classified By: ISN/MTR DIRECTOR PAM DURHAM FOR REASONS
1.4 (B), (D), AND (H).

¶1. This is an action request. Embassy Stockholm,
please see paragraph 4.

¶2. (S) Background: The United States has information
indicating that the Syrian firm Handasieh recently
sought to replace or exchange broken parts of a milling
machine from the Swedish firm Abene Machine AB. We
also understand that Syrian representatives may be
planning to travel to Sweden for training on this
machine. Handasieh is a cover for Syria's Scientific
Studies and Research Center (SSRC), the organization
responsible for overseeing Syria's ballistic missile
and WMD development efforts.

¶3. (S) Objective: We want to alert the GOS to this
information and encourage them to use all appropriate
measures to ensure that companies in Sweden are not
acting as suppliers of machine tools and related
technology to entities associated with Syria's
ballistic missile program.

¶4. (S) Action Request: Request Embassy Stockholm
approach appropriate host government officials to
deliver talking points/non-paper in paragraph 5 below
and report response. Talking points also may be
provided as a non-paper.

¶5. (S) Begin talking points/non-paper:

(SECRET REL SWEDEN)

-- We would like to raise with you a matter of
proliferation concern and request your government's
assistance in investigating this activity.

-- The United States has information indicating that
the Syrian firm Handasieh recently attempted to
exchange/replace broken parts of a milling machine from
the Swedish firm Abene Machine AB. Representatives
from Syria may be planning to travel to Sweden for
training associated with the same or similar machine.

-- We are bringing this matter to your attention
because we are concerned that this milling machine is
being used to support Syria's indigenous missile
development efforts.

-- You will recall at the 2005 Missile Technology
Control Regime (MTCR) Information Exchange (IE) in
Madrid, a Spanish presentation noted that Handasieh,
which is also known as the General Organization for
Engineering Industries, is often used as a procurement
cover for Syria's Scientific Studies and Research
Center (SSRC). As has been discussed at a number of
MTCR IE meetings, the SSRC is the organization
responsible for overseeing Syria's ballistic missile

development efforts.

-- We hope you will investigate this activity and use all available measures to ensure that companies in Sweden are not providing machine tools and associated technology to Syrian ballistic missile development organizations.

-- We look forward to continued cooperation on nonproliferation issues and to hearing of any actions your government takes in response to this information.

¶6. (U) Washington POC is ISN/MTR John Paul Herrmann (Phone: 202-647-1430). Please slug any reporting on this issue for ISN/MTR, EUR/PRA, and EUR/NB.

¶7. (U) A word version file of this document will be posted at www.state.sgov.gov/demarche.
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